

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 2457
 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
 3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Education
 4 on _____)
 5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Batten)

6 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.8, relating to public
 7 elementary and secondary school teachers; temporary employment; frequency of certain training
 8 activities; report.

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

10 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 22.1-298.8 as follows:**

11 **§ 22.1-298.8. Public elementary and secondary school teachers; certain training activities;**
 12 **frequency.**

13 No public elementary or secondary school teacher shall be required to participate more frequently
 14 than once every five years in any training described in subsection C of § 22.1-271.3, subsection C of §
 15 22.1-274.6, or clause (iii) of subsection A of § 22.1-279.6 or relating to secure mandatory test violations
 16 as set forth in §§ 22.1-19.1 and 22.1-292.1. Each such teacher who completes any such training shall sign
 17 a written attestation that the teacher has been trained in and understands the relevant subject matter.

18 **2. That each local school board shall report to the Board of Education and the General Assembly**
 19 **no later than October 1, 2023, on the frequency with which each public elementary and secondary**
 20 **school teacher in the local school division participates in each required training or professional**
 21 **development activity.**

22 **3. That notwithstanding the provisions of § 22.1-302 of the Code of Virginia that permit a school**
 23 **board to employ a temporarily employed teacher to fill a teacher vacancy for a period of time not**
 24 **to exceed 90 days during one school year unless otherwise approved by the Superintendent of Public**
 25 **Instruction on a case-by-case basis, during the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 school years, any school**
 26 **board may employ such a temporarily employed teacher to fill such a vacancy for a period of time**

27 not to exceed 180 days during one school year. Each such temporarily employed teacher shall be at
28 least 18 years of age and shall hold a high school diploma or have passed a high school equivalency
29 examination approved by the Board of Education, but no such teacher shall be required to be
30 employed pursuant to a written contract or to hold a license issued by the Board of Education.

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